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SERIOUS CRIME IN RHODE ISLAND: 1989

SUMMARIZING STATISTICS FOR:

- ARSON
- ASSAULT
- BURGLARY
- HOMICIDE
- LARCENY
- MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT
- RAPE
- ROBBERY

THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

BRIEF ANALYSIS OF YEAR 1989

Overall, serious crime in Rhode Island increased by 1% during 1989. In summary, the overall increase can be attributed to the large increase in motor vehicle thefts. The increase of 12%, or 9,200 total vehicles stolen, signifies that the volume is the third highest over the last twenty year period.

On the brighter side of the overall results, burglary continued to decrease. In 1989, it experienced a 3% decrease. As reported in our previous Annual Serious Crime Report, Rhode Island's established neighborhood crime watch and crime prevention groups appear to be having a positive effect on this specific crime category. That this success story continued in 1989, is obvious. They are to be congratulated. For comparison purpose, at the start of the 1980's decade, 16,289 burglaries were reported; at the end of the decade (year 1989), 12,000 burglaries were reported, or a 26% decrease — quite substantial.

An increase in one homicide, i.e., from 47 to 48, means that Rhode Island remains in a relatively high resultant position, given that the decade saw most years ending with an average of 35 homicides.

Although the rape category decreased by 12%, the overall amount of offenses reported, 265, signifies continued heavy criminal activity in this category, when compared to other years of the past decade. The R.I. Rape Crisis Center also noted a decrease in rapes in their 1989 annual report. They reported 553 rapes in 1989; down from 652 in 1988. However, both agencies' statistics reflect much higher illegal activity than in previous decade.

TREND ANALYSIS

Perhaps the crime category that warrants close review, analysis or new planning strategy, is the motor vehicle theft category. A 20-year analysis conducted by the Commission reveals that the 9,208 vehicles stolen in 1989 is the highest since 1975 when 9,336 vehicles were stolen. The estimated value of the vehicles stolen in 1989 is $55 million. A thumb-nail comparison for the lowest-highest years is as follows: Year 1983, 6,232 vehicles stolen; year 1971, 9,392 vehicles stolen. Thus, the year 1989 ranks as the third highest within the 20-year analysis scale.

ARSON-MAJOR CHANGE IN GJC REPORTING FORMAT

Following careful analysis, the GJC has decided to eliminate the Arson Data section, which was previously included in our annual report, because the State Fire Marshal's Office publishes a similar report entitled "Rhode Island Fire Incident Reporting System - Annual Report" thus, we avoid duplication of effort. However, the GJC will continue to publish, and tabulate the total amount of arson incidents (offenses) each year, on the first page (Summary Section) of this report, thus maintaining its Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) standards. We thank Jim Burke of the Fire Marshal's Office for his assistance.

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Over the past fifteen years, the state's Serious Crime report has received quality and quantity production from Rosemarie Refino. Soon, Mrs. Refino will be retiring from state service; the entire Commission extends to her its deepest thanks and best wishes.

Also the GJC sincerely acknowledges the efforts put forth by the staff of the State Police's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Center, namely Lt. Louis Clark, Brian Glancy and Carol Darigan. Their smooth transition to in-house UCR report production, plus their pursuit of a federally funded Incident Based Reporting (IBR) grant are further reasons to place our thanks upon them.

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SUMMARY STATISTICS & COMPARISON PROFILES

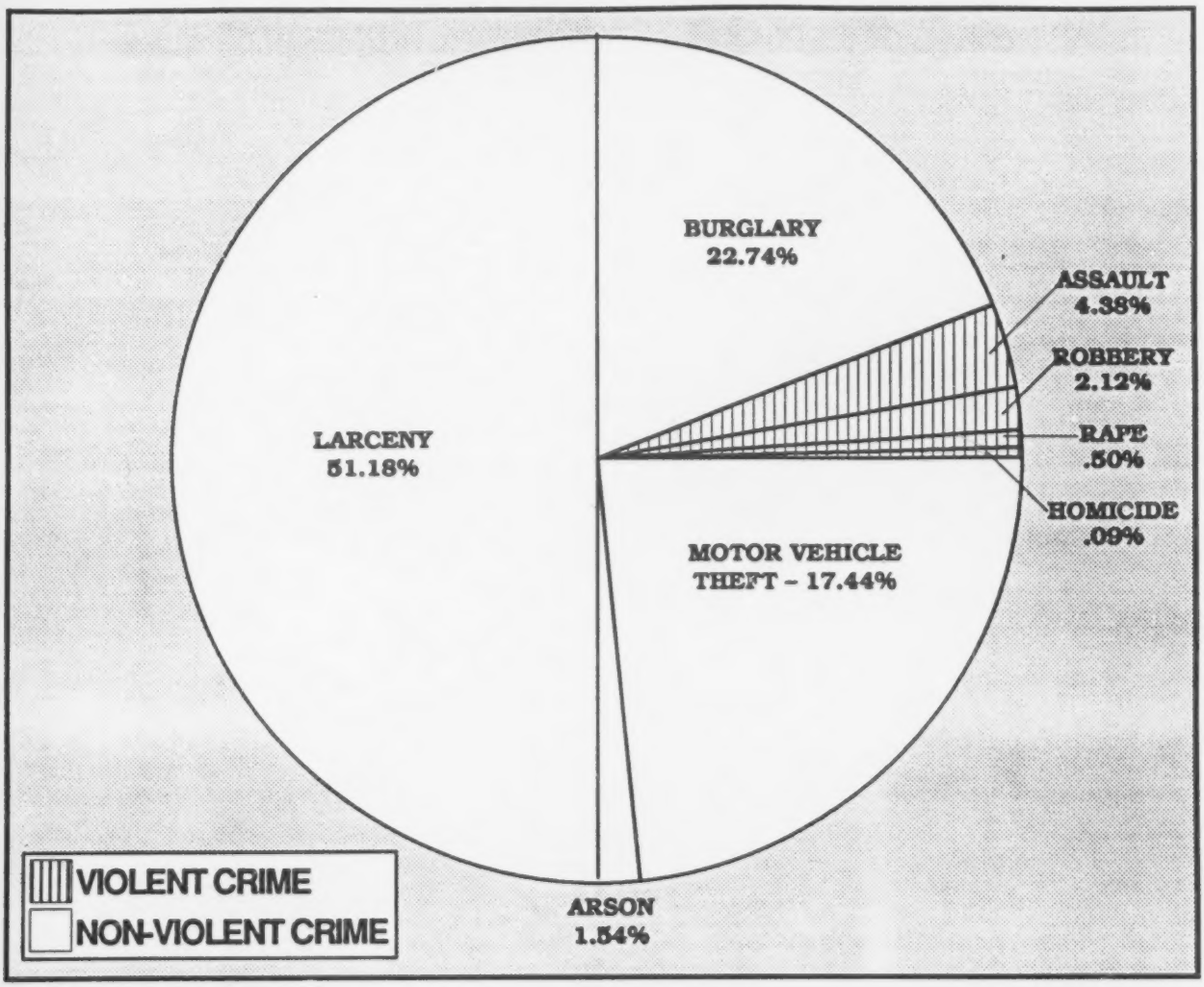
SERIOUS CRIME

SUMMARY, 1988 VS.1989

CRIME/ OFFENSE	# OF OFFENSES 1988	1989	PERCENT CHANGE R.I.	U.S.*
HOMICIDE (Murder, Manslaughter)	47	48	+2.1%	+4%
RAPE	302	265	-12.3%	+1%
ROBBERY	1,131	1,119	-2.0%	+7%
ASSAULT	2,515	2,314	-2.0%	+5%
BURGLARY (Breaking & Entering)	12,396	12,000	-3.1%	-2%
LARCENY (Theft)	26,813	27,002	+.8%	+2%
MVT (Motor Vehicle Theft)	8,210	9,208	+12.2%	+9%
SubTotal	**51,414**	**51,948**	**+1.4%**	**+3%**
ARSON	1,104	811	-17.5%	-2%
Total	**52,518**	**52,759**	**+.5%**	**+3%**

* *Preliminary figures released by FBI, April, 1990*

SERIOUS CRIME DISTRIBUTION



VIOLENT vs. NON-VIOLENT CRIME

PERSON (VIOLENT) CRIMES:

CRIME	1988	1989	
HOMICIDE	47	48	
RAPE	302	265	
ROBBERY	1,131	1,119	Total % Change
ASSAULT	2,515	2,314	
TOTALS	3,995	3,746	-3.0%

PROPERTY (NON-VIOLENT) CRIMES:

CRIME	1988	1989	
BURGLARY	12,396	12,000	Total % Change
LARCENY	26,813	27,002	
MVT	8,210	9,208	
SUB-TOTALS	47,419	48,210	+1.7%
ARSON	1,104	811	-
TOTALS	48,523	49,021	+1.6%

SERIOUS CRIME COMPARISON

The State of Rhode Island • The City of Providence and The United States

BASED ON

CRIME RATES[1] PER 100,000 POPULATION

CRIME	UNITED[2] STATES	RHODE[2,3] ISLAND	THE CITY OF[2,4] PROVIDENCE
HOMICIDE	9	5	18
RAPE	38	28	70
ROBBERY	229	118	468
ASSAULT	389	244	594
BURGLARY	1,386	1,267	2,462
LARCENY	3,138	2,851	5,019
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	597	971	2,771

1 YEAR 1989 RATES PER 100,000 POPULATION

2 ALL NUMBERS ROUNDED

3 RHODE ISLAND'S TOTAL CRIME INDEX, PER 100,000 POPULATION, IS 5,485

4 PROVIDENCE'S TOTAL CRIME INDEX, PER 100,000 POPULATION IS 11,401

SERIOUS CRIMES: COMPARISON ANALYSIS

1980- 1989 (TEN YEAR TRENDS)

CRIME	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
Homicide	52	44	37	32	38	36	33	37	47	48
Rape	159	167	185	157	211	244	208	247	302	265
Robbery	1,127	1,258	1,095	1,077	1,091	1,119	1,158	1,066	1,131	1,119
Assault	2,575	2,721	2,505	2,221	1,883	1,929	1,859	2,212	2,515	2,314
Burglary	16,289	15,747	13,399	12,720	11,385	11,907	12,542	14,078	12,396	12,000
Larceny	28,110	27,545	27,057	25,375	24,645	24,028	24,861	26,843	26,813	27,002
Motor Vehicle Theft	8,011	8,222	7,048	6,232	6,636	6,303	6,858	8,032	8,210	9,200
SubTotals	**56,323**	**55,704**	**51,326**	**47,814**	**45,889**	**45,566**	**47,519**	**52,515**	**51,414**	**51,948**
Arson	1,466	1,360	1,109	910	714	937	935	923	1,104	811
Totals	**57,789**	**57,064**	**52,435**	**48,724**	**46,603**	**46,503**	**48,454**	**53,438**	**52,518**	**52,759**
% Change	**+7.4%**	**-1.3%**	**-5.9%**	**-7.1%**	**-4.4%**	**-0.2%**	**+4.2%**	**+10.3%**	**-1.3%**	**+.5%**

SERIOUS CRIME DISTRIBUTION

1988 vs 1989 • Results[1] by County

County	SERIOUS CRIME 1988	1989	% Change	County Pop.[2]	% Of Pop.
Bristol	970	947	-2.4%	46,942	5.0%
Kent	8,300	8,142	-1.9%	154,163	16.3%
Newport	4375	4075	-6.9%	81,383	8.6%
Providence	33,408	34,447	+3.1%	571,349	60.3%
Washington	3251	4339	+33.3%	93,317	9.8%
Totals	**50304**	**51948**	**+3.3%**	**947,154**	———

1/ Arson Statistics Not Included
2/ R.I. Final 1980 Population Count(s) - U. S. Bureau of Census

TYPE OF FORCE USED DURING COMMISSION OF VIOLENT CRIMES

OFFENSE	TYPE OF FORCE	1988	% TO TOT.	1989	% TO TOT.
HOMICIDE	Gun	17	36%	22	46%
	Knife	11	23%	12	25%
	Other Dangerous Weapon	9	19%	8	17%
	Hands, Fist, Feet	10	22%	6	12%
	Totals	**47**	–	**48**	–
RAPE	Gun	16	5%	8	3%
	Knife	36	12%	13	5%
	Other Dangerous Weapon	21	7%	5	2%
	Hands, Fist, Feet	229	76%	239	90%
	Totals	**302**	–	**265**	–
ROBBERY	Gun	212	19%	250	22%
	Knife	197	17%	135	12%
	Other Dangerous Weapon	128	11%	99	9%
	Strong Arm	594	53%	635	57%
	Totals	**1,131**	–	**1119**	–
ASSAULT	Gun	324	13%	349	15%
	Knife	435	17%	468	20%
	Other Dangerous Weapon	1021	41%	1037	50%
	Hands, Fist, Feet	735	29%	460	20%
	Totals	**2,515**	–	**2,314**	

HOMICIDE: SPECIFIC DATA – 1989

WEAPON	INCIDENTS	% TO TOTAL
Gun	22	46%
Knife	12	25%
Other Lethal Methods	8	17%
Hands, Fist, Feet, etc.	6	12%
TOTAL	48	100%

RAPE: SPECIFIC DATA – 1989

RAPE BY FORCE

WEAPON	INCIDENTS	% TO TOTAL
Gun	8	4%
Knife	10	5%
Other Lethal Methods	4	2%
Hands Fist, Feet, etc.	193	89%
TOTAL	215	100%

RAPE BY ASSAULT

WEAPON	INCIDENTS	% TO TOTAL
Gun	0	0%
Knife	3	6%
Other Lethal Methods	1	2%
Hands, Fist, Feet, etc.	46	92%
TOTAL	50	100%

LARCENY: SPECIFIC DATA – 1989

TYPE OF LARCENY	INCIDENTS	% TO TOTAL
Pocket Picking	88	.3%
Purse Snatching	386	1.4%
Shoplifting	3385	12.5%
From Motor Vehicles	6446	23.9%
Motor Vehicle Parts	5520	20.6%
Bicycles	1657	6.1%
From Buildings	4835	17.9%
Coin Operated Machines	113	.4%
Other	4572	16.9%
TOTAL	27,002	100%

ROBBERY: SPECIFIC DATA – 1989

TYPE OF WEAPON	INCIDENTS	% TO TOTAL
Gun	252	23%
Knife	135	12%
Other Lethal Weapon	97	9%
Strong Armed	635	56%
TOTAL	**1,119**	**100%**

LOCATION	INCIDENTS	% TO TOTAL
Highway	605	54%
Commercial House	73	7%
Gas/Service Station	30	3%
Chain Store	112	10%
Residence	156	14%
Bank	21	2%
Miscellaneous	122	10%
TOTAL	**1,119**	**100%**

* BURGLARY: SPECIFIC DATA – 1989

TYPES OF BURGLARY

TYPE OF ENTRY	INCIDENTS	% TO TOTAL
Forcible	8,979	75%
Unlawful	1,978	17%
Attempted Forcible	1,043	8%
TOTAL	**12,000**	**100%**

LOCATION AND TIME OF OFFENSES

RESIDENCE			NON-RESIDENCE		
TIME	INCIDENTS	% TO TOTAL	TIME	INCIDENTS	% TO TOTAL
Night	3,073	26%	Night	2,242	19%
Day	3,760	31%	Day	285	2%
Unknown	1,881	16%	Unknown	759	6%

* *Breaking and Entering*

RHODE ISLAND – 1989 PART I CRIMES – NUMBER OF OFFENSES REPORTED

Reporting Jurisdiction		Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Motor Vehicle Theft	Total per Jurisdiction
Barrington	BRISTOL COUNTY	0	6	1	9	41	167	12	236
Bristol		0	1	1	13	160	234	34	443
Warren		0	0	0	3	53	197	15	268
Coventry	KENT COUNTY	0	5	7	37	217	528	52	846
East Greenwich		0	3	7	8	126	236	27	407
Warwick		4	16	28	337	871	3,197	1,170	5,623
West Warwick		1	1	6	25	187	822	88	1,130
West Greenwich		0	1	0	3	40	85	7	136
Jamestown	NEWPORT COUNTY	0	1	0	0	39	116	4	160
Middletown		0	3	5	24	139	375	55	601
Newport		2	10	44	129	538	1,643	202	2,568
Portsmouth		0	2	0	0	84	150	23	259
Tiverton		0	0	6	6	120	239	43	414
Little Compton		0	0	2	0	20	50	1	73
Central Falls	PROV. COUNTY	1	0	14	50	298	259	168	790
Cranston		0	13	45	92	726	1,645	487	3,008
Cumberland		0	2	5	13	230	525	81	856
East Providence		0	2	22	41	324	895	240	1,524
Johnston		0	2	14	16	298	641	310	1,281
Lincoln		0	3	3	0	148	411	256	821
North Providence		0	8	17	44	279	583	312	1,243
Pawtucket		5	18	92	166	1,114	1,558	666	3,615
Providence		28	109	734	1,089	3,860	7,870	4,345	17,992
Scituate	WASH. COUNTY	0	1	0	3	70	83	17	174
Smithfield		1	7	2	1	95	107	57	270
Woonsocket		1	16	34	159	558	1,173	204	2,145
Foster		0	0	0	22	42	38	4	106
Glocester		1	0	0	3	49	81	8	142
North Smithfield		0	1	1	49	145	160	22	378
Burrillville		0	1	0	6	84	105	16	212
Narragansett		0	2	3	12	109	332	40	498
North Kingstown		0	0	2	22	223	543	47	837
South Kingstown		0	8	4	15	139	486	46	698
Westerly		1	2	2	11	231	475	41	763
Hopkinton		1	1	0	2	63	77	10	154
Charlestown		0	1	0	0	59	83	3	146
New Shoreham		1	1	0	3	16	140	11	172
State Police		1	17	6	36	148	225	62	495
DEM		0	0	1	5	15	150	8	179
URI		0	1	1	11	52	318	14	397
TOTALS		48	265	1,119	2,314	12,000	27,002	9,200	51,948

RHODE ISLAND'S CITIES & TOWNS COMPARISON PROFILES

1988 vs. 1989 - LISTED BY COUNTY

BRISTOL COUNTY	1988	vs.	1989	% Change
Barrington (Pop. 16,174)*				
Homicide	0		0	
Rape	0		5	
Robbery	2		1	
Assault	5		9	
Burglary	40		41	
Larceny	193		167	
Motor Vehicle Thef t	11		12	
	251		**235**	**-6.0%**
Bristol (Pop. 20,128)				
Homicide	0		0	
Rape	0		1	
Robbery	4		1	
Assault	20		13	
Burglary	123		160	
Larceny	244		234	
Motor Vehicle Theft	29		34	
	420		**443**	**+5.5%**
Warren (Pop. 10,640)				
Homicide	0		0	
Rape	3		0	
Robbery	3		0	
Assault	9		3	
Burglary	69		53	
Larceny	187		197	
Motor Vehicle Theft	28		15	
	299		**268**	**-10.0%**
KENT COUNTY				
Coventry (Pop. 27,065)				
Homicide	1		0	
Rape	1		5	
Robbery	3		7	
Assault	65		37	
Burglary	256		217	
Larceny	410		528	
Motor Vehicle Theft	35		52	
	771		**846**	**+9.7%**

**All Cities & Towns: R.I. Final 1980 Population Count(s) - U. S. Bureau of Census*

KENT COUNTY, continued	1988	vs.	1989	% Change
East Greenwich (Pop. 10,211)				
Homicide	0		0	
Rape	2		3	
Robbery	0		7	
Assault	12		8	
Burglary	76		126	
Larceny	226		236	
Motor Vehicle Theft	20		27	
	336		**407**	**+21.0%**
Warwick (Pop. 87,123)				
Homicide	4		4	
Rape	43		16	
Robbery	37		28	
Assault	560		337	
Burglary	913		871	
Larceny	3,434		3,197	
Motor Vehicle Theft	989		1,170	
	5,980		**5,623**	**-6.0%**
West Greenwich (Pop. 2,738)				
Homicide	0		0	
Rape	1		1	
Robbery	0		0	
Assault	3		3	
Burglary	44		40	
Larceny	66		85	
Motor Vehicle Theft	8		7	
	122		**136**	**+11.4%**
West Warwick (Pop. 27,026)				
Homicide	1		1	
Rape	5		1	
Robbery	12		6	
Assault	25		25	
Burglary	255		187	
Larceny	686		822	
Motor Vehicle Theft	107		88	
	1,091		**1,130**	**+3.6%**

NEWPORT COUNTY	1988	vs.	1989	% Change
Jamestown (Pop.4,040)				
Homicide	0		0	
Rape	1		1	
Robbery	0		0	
Assault	1		0	
Burglary	16		39	
Larceny	41		116	
Motor Vehicle Theft	1		4	
	60		**160**	**+167.0%**
Little Compton (Pop. 3,085)				
Homicide	0		0	
Rape	0		0	
Robbery	0		0	
Assault	2		0	
Burglary	20		20	
Larceny	51		50	
Motor Vehicle Theft	2		1	
	73		**71**	**-2.0%**
Middletown (Pop. 17,216)				
Homicide	0		0	
Rape	5		3	
Robbery	8		5	
Assault	21		13	
Burglary	167		139	
Larceny	553		375	
Motor Vehicle Theft	75		55	
	829		**590**	**-29.0%**
Newport (Pop. 29,259)				
Homicide	2		2	
Rape	11		10	
Robbery	40		44	
Assault	180		129	
Burglary	556		538	
Larceny	1,784		1,643	
Motor Vehicle Theft	220		202	
	2,793		**2,568**	**-8.7%**
Portsmouth (Pop. 14,257)				
Homicide	0		0	
Rape	0		2	
Robbery	3		0	
Assault	2		0	
Burglary	75		84	
Larceny	94		150	
Motor Vehicle Theft	18		23	
	192		**259**	**+35.0%**

NEWPORT COUNTY, continued	1988	vs.	1989	% Change
Tiverton (Pop. 13,526)				
Homicide	0		0	
Rape	0		0	
Robbery	7		6	
Assault	5		6	
Burglary	127		120	
Larceny	250		239	
Motor Vehicle Theft	39		43	
	428		**414**	**-3.2%**

PROVIDENCE COUNTY

Burrillville (Pop. 13,164)				
Homicide	0		0	
Rape	2		1	
Robbery	0		0	
Assault	5		6	
Burglary	109		84	
Larceny	121		105	
Motor Vehicle Theft	17		16	
	254		**212**	**-16.5%**
Central Falls (Pop. 16,995)				
Homicide	3		1	
Rape	0		0	
Robbery	20		24	
Assault	24		57	
Burglary	226		298	
Larceny	167		259	
Motor Vehicle Theft	116		168	
	556		807	**+45.0%**
Cranston (Pop. 71,992)				
Homicide	2		0	
Rape	14		14	
Robbery	36		45	
Assault	68		92	
Burglary	722		726	
Larceny	1,609		1,645	
Motor Vehicle Theft	496		487	
	2,948		**3,009**	**+2.0%**

	1988	vs.	1989	% Change
Cumberland (Pop. 27,069)				
Homicide	0		0	
Rape	3		2	
Robbery	5		6	
Assault	14		13	
Burglary	157		230	
Larceny	368		525	
Motor Vehicle Theft	51		81	
	598		**857**	**+43.1%**
East Providence (Pop. 50,980)				
Homicide	0		0	
Rape	1		2	
Robbery	22		23	
Assault	30		41	
Burglary	334		324	
Larceny	950		895	
Motor Vehicle Theft	195		240	
	1,532		**1,525**	**-0.5%**
Foster (Pop. 3,370)				
Homicide	0		0	
Rape	0		0	
Robbery	0		0	
Assault	2		22	
Burglary	31	——	42	
Larceny	59		38	
Motor Vehicle Theft	8		4	
	100		**106**	**+6.0%**
Glocester (Pop. 7,550)				
Homicide	0		1	
Rape	1		0	
Robbery	0		0	
Assault	3		4	
Burglary	44		49	
Larceny	81		81	
Motor Vehicle Theft	8		8	
	137		**143**	**-4.4%**
Johnston (Pop. 24,907)				
Homicide	1		0	
Rape	8		2	
Robbery	13		14	
Assault	26		16	
Burglary	285		298	
Larceny	665		641	
Motor Vehicle Theft	275		310	
	1,273		**1,281**	**+0.6%**

PROVIDENCE COUNTY, continued	1988	vs.	1989	% Change
Lincloln (Pop. 16,949)				
Homicide	0		0	
Rape	0		3	
Robbery	0		3	
Assault	1		0	
Burglary	155		148	
Larceny	538		411	
Motor Vehicle Theft	233		256	
	927		**821**	
North Providence (Pop. 29,188)				
Homicide	1		0	
Rape	4		8	
Robbery	11		17	
Assault	60		44	
Burglary	234		279	
Larceny	484		583	
Motor Vehicle Theft	265		312	
	1,059		**1,243**	**+17.3%**
North Smithfield (Pop. 9,972)				
Homicide	0		0	
Rape	0		1	
Robbery	2		1	
Assault	6		49	
Burglary	99		145	
Larceny	159		160	
Motor Vehicle Theft	26		22	
	292		**378**	**+29.4%**
Pawtucket (Pop. 71,204)				
Homicide	3		1	
Rape	12		18	
Robbery	81		92	
Assault	194		166	
Burglary	1,056		1,114	
Larceny	1,515		1,558	
Motor Vehicle Theft	583		666	
	3,444		**3,615**	**+4.9%**

	1988	vs. 1989	% Change
Providence (Pop. 156,804)			
Homicide	22	28	
Rape	130	109	
Robbery	752	734	
Assault	893	931	
Burglary	4,504	3,860	
Larceny	7,921	7,870	
Motor Vehicle Theft	3,869	4,345	
	18,091	**17,877**	**-1.0%**
Scituate (Pop. 8,405)			
Homicide	2	0	
Rape	0	1	
Robbery	2	0	
Assault	12	4	
Burglary	51	70	
Larceny	106	83	
Motor Vehicle Theft	14	17	
	187	**175**	**-6.4%**
Smithfield (Pop. 16,886)			
Homicide	0	1	
Rape	0	7	
Robbery	2	2	
Assault	1	1	
Burglary	99	95	
Larceny	92	107	
Motor Vehicle Theft	43	57	
	237	**270**	**+14.0%**
Woonsocket (Pop. 45,914)			
Homicide	0	1	
Rape	23	17	
Robbery	40	34	
Assault	99	158	
Burglary	477	558	
Larceny	956	1,173	
Motor Vehicle Theft	177	204	
	1,772	**2,145**	**+21.0%**

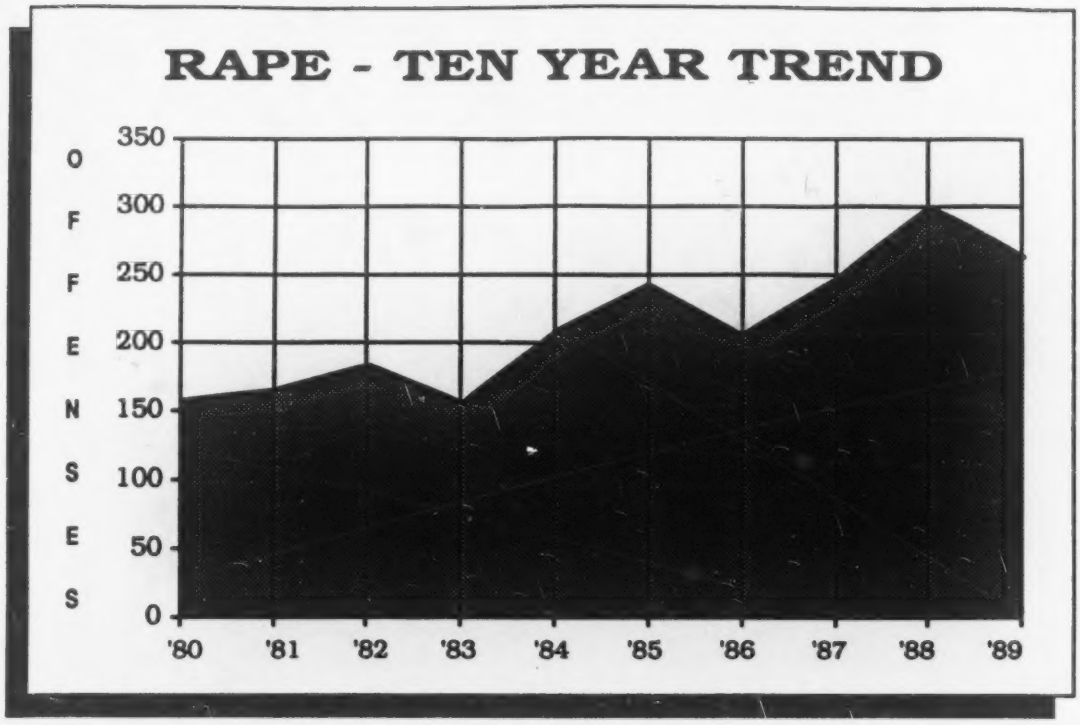
WASHINGTON COUNTY	1988	vs.	1989	% Change
Charlestown (Pop. 4,800)				
Homicide	0		0	
Rape	1		1	
Robbery	0		0	
Assault	8		0	
Burglary	60		59	
Larceny	108		83	
Motor Vehicle Theft	1		3	
	178		**146**	**-17.0%**
Hopkinton (Pop. 6,406)				
Homicide	0		1	
Rape	1		1	
Robbery	0		0	
Assault	0		2	
Burglary	58		63	
Larceny	84		77	
Motor Vehicle Theft	9		10	
	152		**154**	**+1.3%**
Narragansett (Pop. 12,088)				
Homicide	0		0	
Rape	5		2	
Robbery	2		3	
Assault	19		14	
Burglary	167		109	
Larceny	368		332	
Motor Vehicle Theft	39		40	
	600		**496**	**-21.8%**
New Shoreham (Pop. 620)				
Homicide	0		1	
Rape	0		1	
Robbery	0		0	
Assault	7		3	
Burglary	19		16	
Larceny	127		140	
Motor Vehicle Theft	20		11	
	173		**172**	**-0.5%**

	1988	vs.	1989	% Change
North Kingstown (Pop. 21,938)				
Homicide	0		0	
Rape	6		0	
Robbery	4		2	
Assault	31		22	
Burglary	249		223	
Larceny	554		543	
Motor Vehicle Theft	45		47	
	889		**837**	**-5.8%**
South Kingstown (Pop. 20,414)				
Homicide	0		0	
Rape	0		8	
Robbery	4		4	
Assault	15		15	
Burglary	131		139	
Larceny	337		486	
Motor Vehicle Theft	26		46	
	513		**698**	**+36.0%**
Westerly (Pop. 18,580)				
Homicide	1		1	
Rape	0		2	
Robbery	8		2	
Assault	9		11	
Burglary	203		231	
Larceny	486		475	
Motor Vehicle Theft	39		41	
	746		**763**	**+2.2%**
STATEWIDE AGENCIES				
Department of Environmental Management				
Homicide	0		0	
Rape	0		0	
Robbery	0		1	
Assault	26		5	
Burglary	8		15	
Larceny	130		150	
Motor Vehicle Theft	10		8	
	174		**179**	**+2.8%**

STATEWIDE continued	1988	vs.	1989	% Change
State Police				
Homicide	3		1	
Rape	16		16	
Robbery	7		6	
Assault	41		48	
Burglary	136		138	
Larceny	215		225	
Motor Vehicle Theft	50		62	
	468		**496**	**+6.0%**
University of Rhode Island (URI)				
Homicide	0		0	
Rape	0		1	
Robbery	1		1	
Assault	4		11	
Burglary	42		52	
Larceny	401		318	
Motor Vehicle Theft	17		14	
	465		**397**	**-14.6%**

SECTION II

SERIOUS CRIME TRENDS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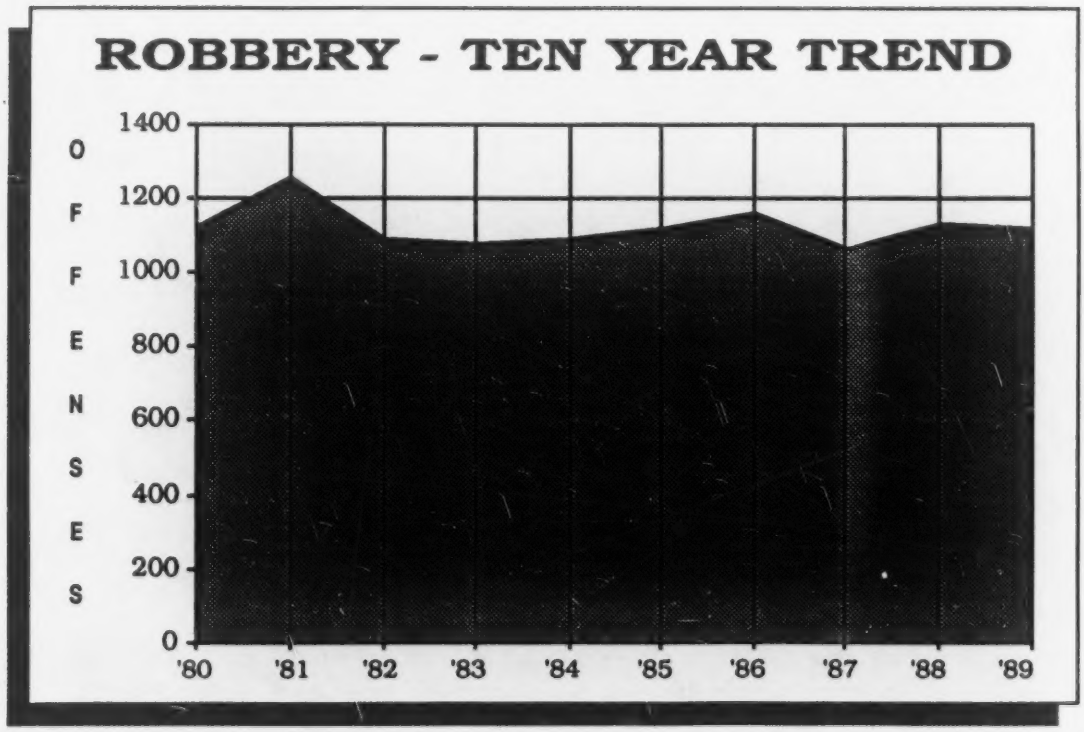
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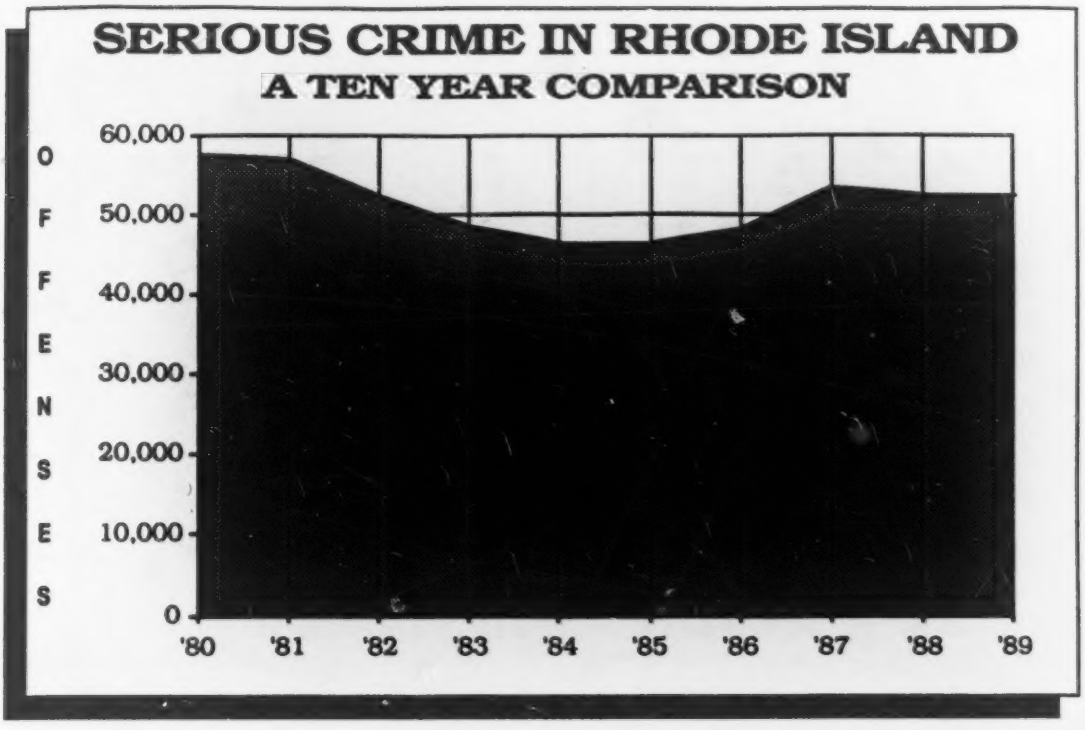
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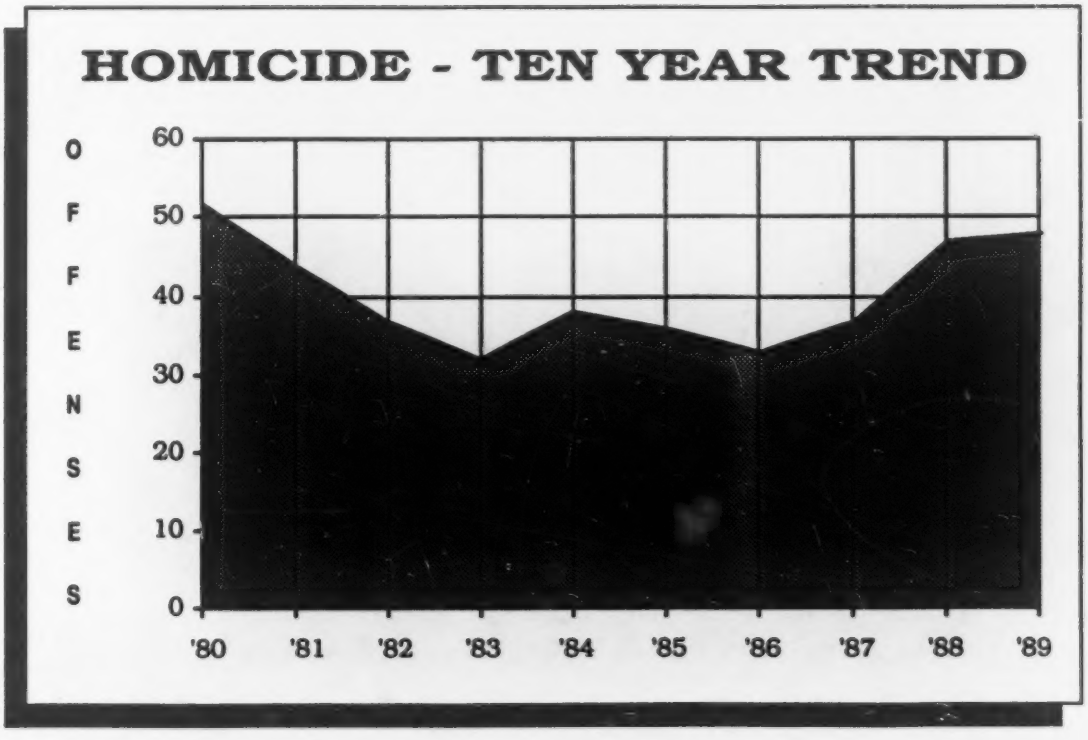
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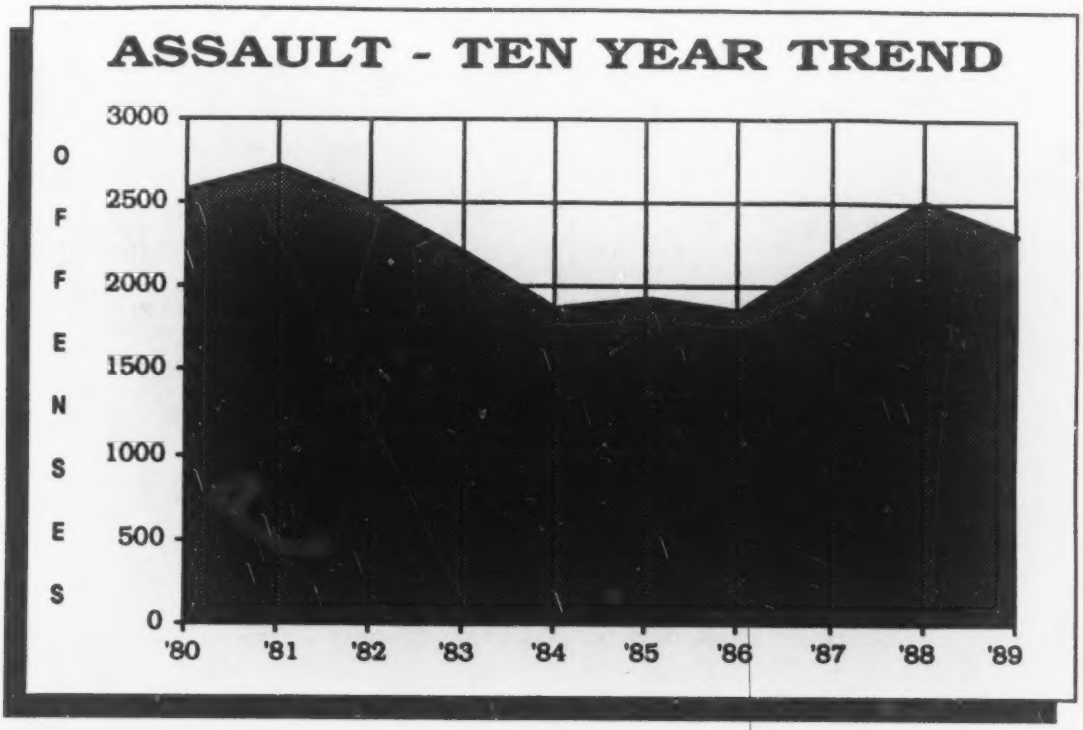
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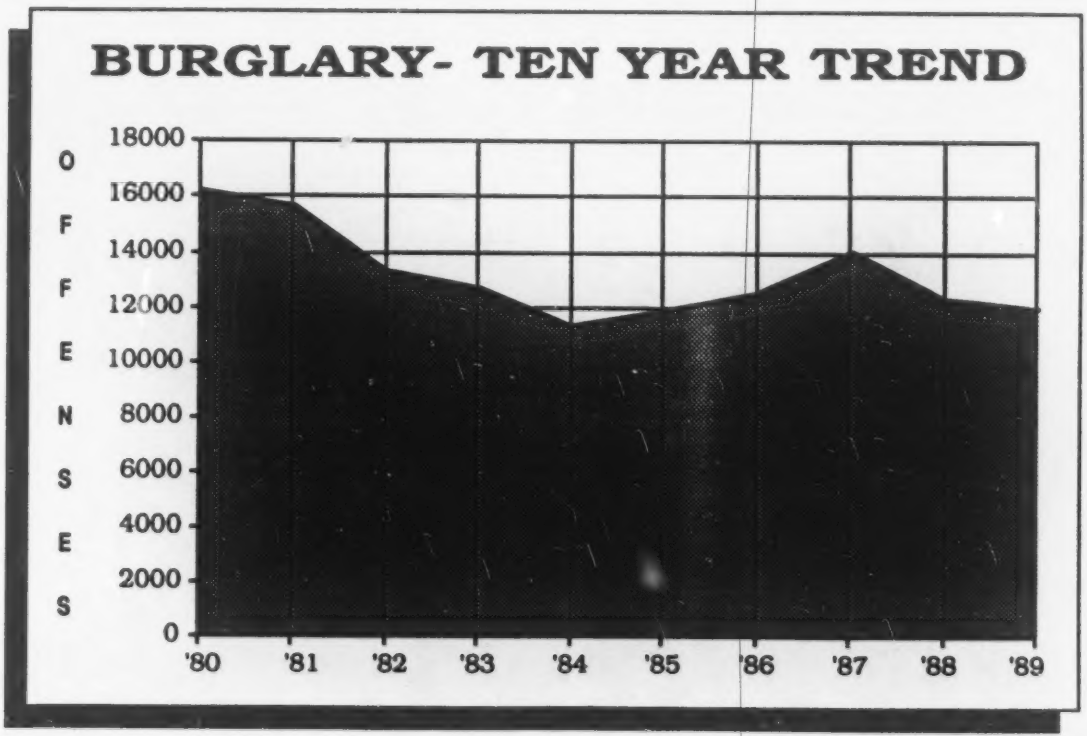
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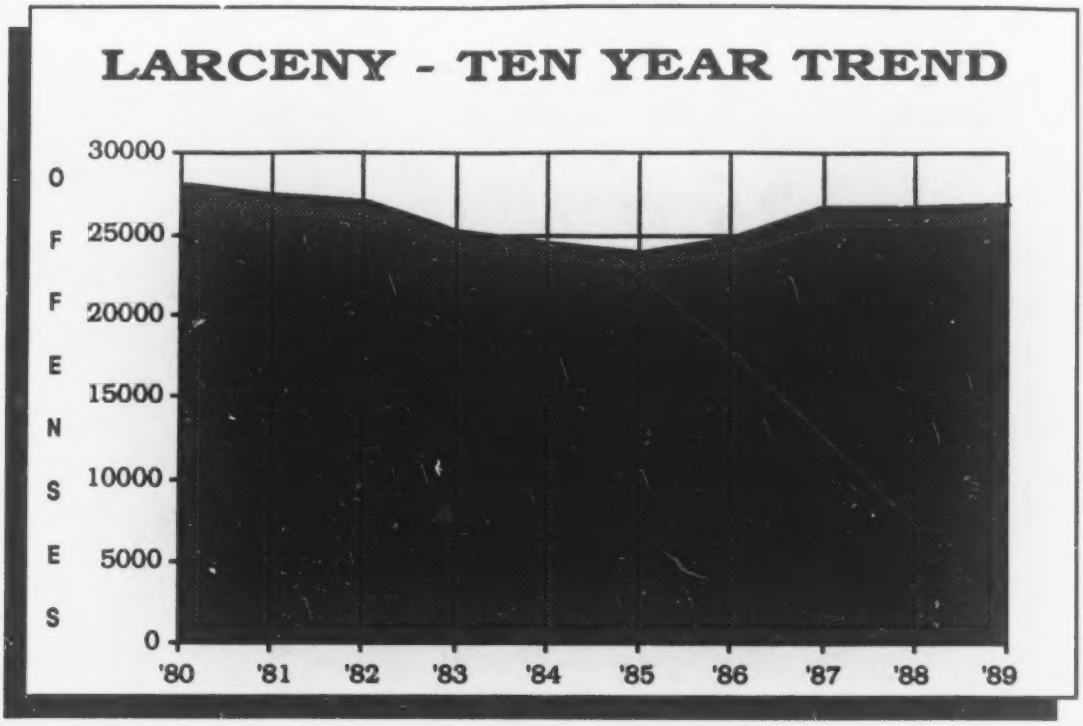
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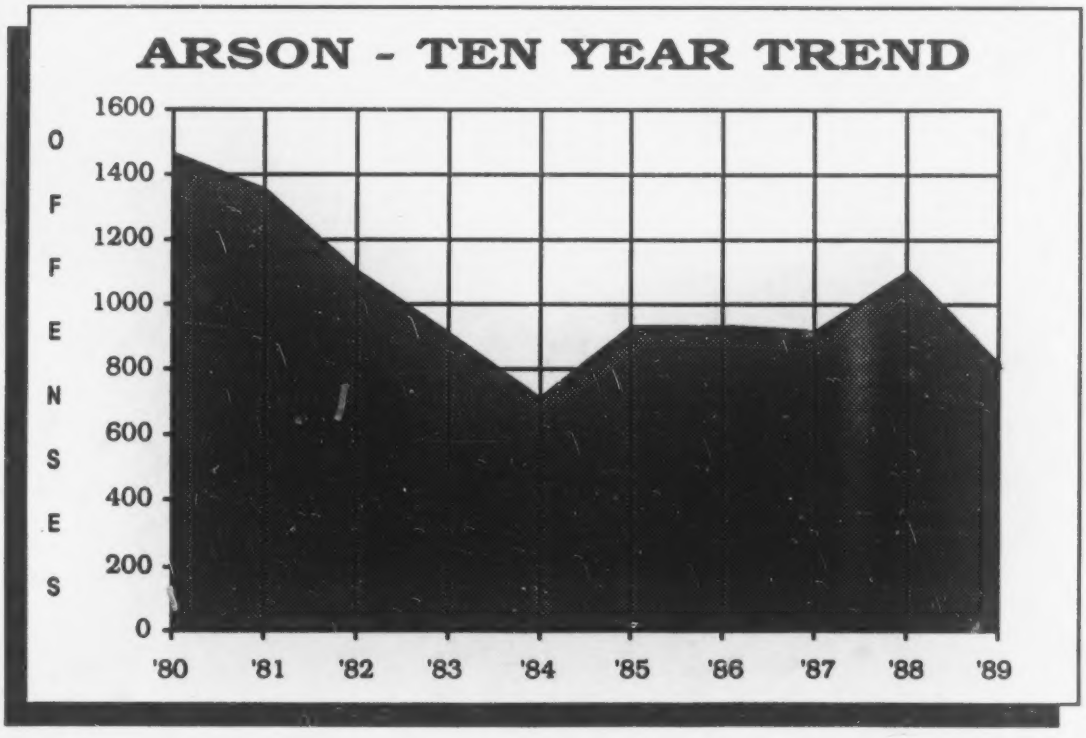
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SECTION III

SERIOUS CRIME RATES

CITIES/TOWNS: 1989 CRIME RATES

TOTAL SERIOUS CRIME RATES– RHODE ISLAND MUNICIPALITIES

PER 100,000 POPULATION

RANK '89	RANK '88	COMMUNITY	POPULATION	1989 # OF OFFENSES	*1989 CRIME RATE*
1	1	1/ New Shoreham	620	172	27,742
2	2	Providence	156,804	17,877	11,475
3	3	Newport	29,259	2,568	8,777
4	4	Warwick	87,123	5,623	6,455
5	6	Johnston	24,907	1,281	5,144
6	8	Pawtucket	71,204	3,615	5,077
7	10	West Greenwich	2,738	136	4,968
8	5	Lincoln	16,949	821	4,844
9	14	Woonsocket	45,194	2,145	4,747
10	19	Central Falls	16,995	790	4,649
11	17	North Providence	29,188	1,243	4,259
12	15	West Warwick	27,026	1,130	4,182
13	11	Cranston	71,992	3,008	4,179
14	7	Narragansett	12,088	498	4,120
15	18	East Greenwich	10,211	407	3,986
16	13	Westerly	18,580	763	3,962
17	35	Jamestown	4,040	160	3,961
18	12	North Kingstown	21,938	837	3,816
19	23	North Smithfield	9,972	378	3,791
20	9	Middletown	17,216	601	3,491
21	26	South Kingstown	20,414	698	3,420
22	30	Cumberland	27,069	856	3,163
23	22	Foster	3,370	106	3,146
24	24	Coventry	27,065	846	3,126
25	20	Tiverton	13,526	414	3,061
26	16	Charlestown	4,800	146	3,042
27	21	East Providence	50,980	1,524	2,990
28	25	Warren	10,640	268	2,519
29	37	Portsmouth	14259	259	2,518
30	27	Hopkinton	6,406	154	2,404
31	28	Little Compton	3,085	73	2,367
32	31	Bristol	20,128	443	2,201
33	29	Scituate	8,405	174	2,071
34	33	Glocester	7,550	142	1,881
35	32	Burrillville	13,164	212	1,611
36	36	Smithfield	16,886	270	1,599
37	34	Barrington	16,174	236	1,460

1/ New Shoreham's (Block Island) extraordinarily high serious crime rate—more than several times the rate of any other community—was primarily due to its very small year-round population which, in mathematical terms, can translate a relatively small number of crimes into a misleading high rate. In addition, it is a fact that many of New Shoreham's crimes are committed in the summer when its "unofficial" population is swollen by tourists and summer residents.

HOMICIDE RATES

PER 100,000 POPULATION

1989 RANK	1988 RANK	CITY/TOWN	# OF OFFENSES	*CRIME RATE*
1	-	New Shoreham	1	161.3
2	3	Providence	25	17.9
3	-	Hopkinton	1	15.7
4	-	Glocester	1	13.3
5	7	Pawtucket	5	7.1
6	4	Newport	2	6.9
7	-	Smithfield	1	6.0
8	1	Central Falls	1	5.9
9	5	Westerly	1	5.4
10	6	Warwick	4	4.6
11	10	West Warwick	1	3.8
12	-	Woonsocket	1	2.3
Other	-	State Police	1	-
		Total	**48**	**5.0**

RAPE RATES

PER 100,000 POPULATION

1989 RANK	1988 RANK	CITY/TOWN	# OF OFFENSES	*CRIME RATE*
1	-	New Shoreham	1	161.3
2	1	Providence	109	69.6
3	-	Smithfield	7	41.5
4	-	South Kingstown	8	39.2
5	-	Barrington	6	37.1
6	6	West Greenwich	1	36.6
7	2	Woonsocket	16	35.5
8	5	Newport	10	34.2
9	13	East Greenwich	3	29.4
10	19	North Providence	8	27.5
11	16	Pawtucket	18	25.3
12	11	Jamestown	1	24.8
13	12	Charlestown	1	21.0
14	21	Coventry	5	18.5
15	3	Warwick	16	18.4
16	14	Cranston	13	18.1
17	-	Lincoln	3	17.8
18	8	Middletown	3	17.5
19	4	Narragansett	2	16.6
20	17	Hopkinton	1	16.0
21	-	Porstmouth	2	14.1
22	-	Scituate	1	11.9
23	-	Westerly	2	10.8
24	-	North Smihfield	1	10.1
25	-	Johnston	2	8.1
26	18	Burrillville	1	7.6
27	20	Cumberland	2	7.4
28	-	Bristol	1	5.0
29	22	East Providence	2	4.0
30	15	West Warwick	1	3.8
		Total	**265***	**28.0***

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ROBBERY RATES

PER 100,000 POPULATION

1989 RATES	1988 RATES	CITY/TOWN	# OF OFFENSES	*CRIME RATE*
1	1	Providence	734	468.2
2	2	Newport	44	150.4
3	3	Pawtucket	92	129.3
4	5	Central Falls	14	82.4
5	6	Woonsocket	34	75.3
6	-	East Greenwich	7	68.6
7	-	Little Compton	2	64.9
8	4	Cranston	45	62.6
9	14	North Providence	17	58.3
10	-	Johnston	14	56.3
11	10	East Providence	22	43.2
12	17	Tiverton	6	36.4
13	19	Warwick	28	32.2
14	13	Middletown	5	29.1
15	20	Coventry	7	25.9
16	24	Narragansett	3	24.9
17	11	West Warwick	6	22.3
18	23	South Kingstown	4	19.6
19	26	Cumberland	5	18.5
20	-	Lincoln	3	17.8
21	12	Smithfield	2	11.9
22	9	Westerly	2	10.8
23	-	North Smithfield	1	10.1
24	21	North Kingstown	2	9.2
25	27	Barrington	1	6.2
26	22	Bristol	1	5.0
27	-	Portsmouth	0	0
28	-	Scituate	0	0
29	18	Warren	0	0
		Total	**1,119***	**118.0***

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ASSAULT RATES

PER 100,000 POPULATION

1989 RANK	1988 RANK	CITY/TOWN	# OF OFFENSES	*CRIME RATE*
1	1	Providence	1089	694.5
2	22	Foster	22	652.9
3	15	North Smithfield	49	491.4
4	-	New Shoreham	3	483.9
5	10	Newport	129	440.9
6	2	Warwick	337	386.9
7	4	Woonsocket	159	351.9
8	5	Central Falls	50	294.3
9	3	Pawtucket	166	233.2
10	12	North Providence	44	150.8
11	7	Middletown	24	139.5
12	18	Coventry	37	136.8
13	9	Cranston	92	127.8
14	28	West Greenwich	3	109.6
15	6	North Kingstown	22	100.3
16	24	Narragansett	12	99.3
17	14	WestWarwick	25	92.6
18	19	East Providence	41	80.5
19	29	East Greenwich	8	78.4
20	34	South Kingstown	15	73.5
21	13	Johnston	16	64.7
22	11	Bristol	13	64.6
23	33	Westerly	11	59.3
24	21	Barrington	9	55.7
25	20	Cumberland	13	48.1
26	26	Burrillville	6	45.6
27	27	Tiverton	6	44.4
28	8	Gloster	3	39.8
29	16	Scituate	3	35.7
30	31	Hopkinton	2	31.2
31	17	Warren	3	28.2
32	23	Smithfield	1	6.0
		Total	**2,314***	**244.0***

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BURGLARY RATES

PER 100,000 POPULATION

1989 RANK	1988 RANK	CITY/TOWN	# OF OFFENSES	*CRIME RATE*
1	2	New Shoreham	16	2,580.7
2	1	Providence	3,860	2,461.7
3	7	Newport	538	1,838.8
4	6	Central Falls	2	1,753.5
5	9	Pawtucket	1,114	1,564.6
6	4	West Greenwich	40	1,461.0
7	13	North Smithfield	145	1,454.1
8	32	Foster	42	1,246.3
9	16	Westerly	231	1,243.3
10	12	Woonsocket	558	1,234.7
11	19	East Greenwich	126	1,234.0
12	31	Charlestown	59	1,229.2
13	5	Johnston	298	1,196.5
14	11	North Kingstown	223	1,016.6
15	15	Cranston	726	1,008.5
16	17	Warwick	871	999.9
17	8	Hopkinton	63	983.5
18	26	Jamestown	39	965.4
19	10	North Providence	279	955.9
20	14	Tiverton	120	905.3
21	3	Narragansett	109	901.8
22	21	Lincoln	148	873.3
23	33	Cumberland	230	849.7
24	29	Scituate	70	832.9
25	25	Middletown	139	807.4
26	22	Coventry	217	801.8
27	24	Bristol	160	795.0
28	18	West Warwick	187	692.0
29	23	South Kingstown	139	681.0
30	27	Glocester	49	649.1
31	30	Little Compton	20	648.3
32	20	Burrillville	84	638.2
33	19	East Providence	324	635.6
34	36	Portsmouth	84	589.2
35	34	Smithfield	95	562.6
36	35	Warren	53	498.2
37	37	Barrington	41	253.5
		Totals	**12,000***	**1,267.0***

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LARCENY RATES

PER 100,000 POPULATION

1989 RANK	1988 RANK	CITY/TOWN	# OF OFFENSES	*CRIME RATE*
1	1	New Shoreham	140	22,580.7
2	2	Newport	1,643	5,615.4
3	3	Providence	7,870	5,019.1
4	4	Warwick	3,197	3,669.6
5	9	West Greenwich	85	3,104.5
6	12	West Warwick	822	3,041.6
7	30	Jamestown	116	2,871.3
8	6	Narragansett	332	2,746.6
9	19	Woonsocket	1,173	2,595.5
10	7	Johnston	641	2,573.6
11	10	Westerly	475	2,556.6
12	11	North Kingstown	543	2,475.2
13	5	Lincoln	411	2,425.0
14	20	South Kingstown	486	2,380.8
15	25	East Greenwich	236	2,311.3
16	13	Cranston	1,645	2,285.0
17	14	Pawtucket	1,558	2,188.1
18	17	North Providence	583	1,997.4
19	15	Coventry	528	1,950.9
20	18	Cumberland	525	1,939.5
21	21	Warren	197	1,851.6
22	23	Tiverton	239	1,767.0
23	21	East Providence	895	1,755.6
24	33	Charlestown	33	1,729.2
25	24	Little Compton	24	1,620.8
26	26	North Smithfield	26	1,604.5
27	28	Central Falls	259	1,524.0
28	29	Hopkinton	77	1,202.0
29	16	Bristol	234	1,162.6
30	32	Foster	38	1,127.6
31	31	Glocester	81	1,072.9
32	34	Portsmouth	150	1,052.0
33	27	Barrington	167	1,032.6
34	36	Burrillville	105	987.7
35	35	Scituate	83	987.6
36	37	Smithfield	107	633.7
37	8	Middletown	375	526.7
		Total	**27,002***	**2,851.0***

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MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT RATES

PER 100,000 POPULATION

1989 RANK	1988 RANK	CITY/TOWN	# OF OFFENSES	*CRIME RATE*
1	2	Providence	4345	2771.0
2	1	New Shoreham	11	1774.2
3	3	Lincoln	256	1510.5
4	4	Warwick	989	1,135.2
5	5	Johnston	310	1244.7
6	6	North Providence	312	1069.0
7	7	Pawtucket	666	935.4
8	8	Newport	202	690.4
9	9	Cranston	487	676.5
10	10	Central Falls	168	588.6
11	14	East Providence	240	470.8
12	13	Woonsocket	204	451.4
13	20	Smithfield	57	337.6
14	15	Narragansett	40	331.0
15	12	West Warwick	88	325.7
16	11	Middletown	55	319.5
17	17	Tiverton	43	318.0
18	25	Cumberland	81	299.2
19	24	East Greenwich	27	264.5
20	16	West Greenwich	7	255.4
21	31	South Kingstown	46	220.7
22	22	Westerly	41	220.7
23	23	North Kingstown	47	214.3
24	26	Scituate	17	202.3
25	29	Coventry	52	192.2
26	27	Bristol	34	169.0
27	32	Portsmouth	23	161.4
28	28	Hopkinton	10	156.2
29	19	North Smithfield	22	141.0
30	30	Burrillville	16	121.6
31	21	Foster	4	118.7
32	33	Glocester	8	106.0
33	36	Jamestown	4	99.1
34	37	Charlestown	3	62.5
35	34	Barrington	12	74.2
36	35	Little Compton	1	32.5
		Total	**9,200***	**971.0***

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SECTION IV

DEFINITIONS

DEFINITIONS & REPORTING METHODS

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HOMICIDE - Murder and non-negligent manslaughter, as defined in the Uniform Crime Reporting Program, is the willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another. The classification of this offense, as for all other crime index offenses, is based solely on police investigation as opposed to the determination of a court, medical examiner, coroner, jury, or other judicial body. Not included in the count for this offense classification are deaths caused by negligence, suicide, or accident.

RAPE - Rape (forcible), as defined in the UCR Program, is the carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will. Assaults or attempts to commit rape by force or threat of force are also included; however, statutory rape (without force) and other sex offenses are not included in this category.

ROBBERY - Robbery is the taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.

ASSAULT - Assault (aggravated) is an unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault is usually accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm. Attempts are included since it is not necessary that an injury result when a gun, knife, or other weapon is used which could and probably would result in serious personal injury if the crime were successfully completed.

BURGLARY - The UCR Program defines burglary as the unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or theft. The use of force to gain entry is not required to classify an offense as burglary. Burglary is categorized into three subclassifications: forcible entry, unlawful entry where no force is used, and attempted forcible entry.

LARCENY - Larceny (theft) is the unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another. It includes crimes such as shoplifting, pocket-picking, purse-snatching, thefts from motor vehicles, thefts of motor vehicle parts and accessories, bicycle thefts, etc., in which no use of force, violence, or fraud occurs. In the UCR Program, this crime category does not include embezzlement, "con" games, forgery, and worthless checks.

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT - In the UCR Program, motor vehicle theft is defined as the theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle. This definition excludes the taking of a motor vehicle for temporary use by those persons having lawful access.

ARSON - Arson is defined by the UCR Program as any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, personal property of another, etc.. Only fires determined through investigation to have been willfully or maliciously set are classified as arsons.

The established criteria/definitions in Rhode Island for incendiary and suspicious acts are as follows:

INCENDIARY Fires which have been intentionally set; where there is inten tion to defraud, or where there is intention to conceal for purposes which violate any section of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island.

SUSPICIOUS A fire where a definite determination of incendiarism cannot be as certained, but where there is sufficient reason to believe that the fire may be of incendiary nature.

REPORTING METHODS:

Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) is a city, county, and state law enforcement program. This Program provides a nationwide view of crime based on the submission of statistics by law enforcement agencies throughout the country. The crime data are submitted either to a state UCR Program or directly to the national UCR Program which is administered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

On a planned basis, the Governor's Justice Commission collects crime statistical information from the UCR Section of the State Police and the Fire Marshal's Office of the Division of Fire Safety. Both units of government receive monthly offense reports from the respective police and fire departments located throughout the state. It is this information that forms the backbone of this report.

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